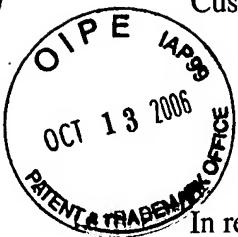


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Application No.: 10/621,317) Examiner: Matthew O. Savage
Filed: July 18, 2003)
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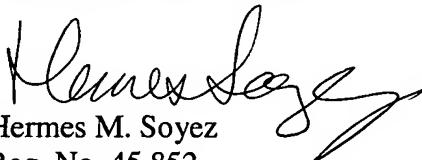
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